

☀️ Summer Reading Packet: *Wish* by Barbara O'Connor

Dear Student and Family,

This summer, you'll read *Wish* by Barbara O'Connor—a heartwarming novel about hope, friendship, and finding where you belong. To keep your reading skills strong and connect with the story in creative ways, you'll complete a fun and thoughtful project: a **Cereal Box Book Report!**

All materials needed are listed in this packet. Bring your finished cereal box and your written responses on the first day of school. I can't wait to see your creativity and hear your thoughts about the book!

Happy reading and have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Niksa

📅 Suggested Reading Plan: Pace yourself with this plan or read at your own speed!

- **Weeks 1–2:** Chapters 1–10 – Meet Charlie and learn about her “wishing”
- **Weeks 3–4:** Chapters 11–20 – New life and new friendships
- **Weeks 5–6:** Chapters 21–30 – Facing tough truths
- **Weeks 7–8:** Chapters 31–End – A wish comes true in a new way

⌚ Comprehension & Reflection Questions

Respond to these in a notebook or on loose-leaf paper using complete sentences.

1. What are Charlie's first impressions of Colby? How does she feel about moving there?
2. How does Howard surprise Charlie? What makes their friendship special?

3. Why is Charlie's wish so important to her? How does it change by the end?
4. What role does Wishbone (the dog) play in Charlie's life?
5. Describe Charlie's growth throughout the story. What lessons does she learn?

Cereal Box Book Report Project: *Wish* by Barbara O'Connor

Turn an empty cereal box into a 3D book report! Decorate each side with information and illustrations that reflect the novel. Be creative, colorful, and detailed!

Materials Needed:

- Empty cereal box
- Paper, glue, markers, crayons, scissors
- Optional: printed images, construction paper, craft supplies

What Goes on Each Side?

Front of the Box

- Design a new cereal name inspired by the book (e.g., *Wish-Os* or *Charlie Charms*)
- Include an illustration of the main character or scene
- Add a slogan like, "Packed with friendship and fresh starts!"

Back of the Box

- Create a fun game or activity related to the book! Ideas:
 - Word search using character names
 - Crossword puzzle
 - Matching characters to traits or events

Left Side

- **Summary:** Write a short paragraph summarizing the novel. Focus on the main characters, setting, and plot.

Right Side

- **Character List:** List 3–5 main characters and describe them in your own words.
- Include a quote for at least one character with an explanation of what it reveals about them.

Top of the Box

- Write your name and your favorite quote or moment from the book.

Inside Surprise

A mini item that connects to the story (like a cereal toy). Ideas include:

- A paper wishbone and your personal wish
- A friendship bracelet for Charlie or Howard
- A drawing or clay model of Wishbone
- A “Kindness Coupon” Charlie might give someone

Tips for Success

- Make it colorful and eye-catching, like a real cereal box!
- Be sure your writing is neat and easy to read.
- Use your imagination—think of how cereal boxes grab attention!

Summer Assignment Checklist: Use this list to make sure you’re ready for school:

- ✓ I read *Wish* by Barbara O’Connor
- ✓ I answered all 5 reflection questions
- ✓ I created my Cereal Box Book Report
- ✓ I added a creative surprise inside the box
- ✓ I’m bringing my project and answers to school!

